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SUBJECT: JOINT APPROACH TO PARAGUAY ON SPANISH SAHARA

1. ENVOYS FROM MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA CALLED ON PRESIDENT STROESSNER AUGUST 4 TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION ON SPANISH SAHARA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, DELEGATION CONSISTED OF MOROCCO'S AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON, DRISS BENNOUNA, AND MAURITANIA'S AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW, SINO BOUNA OULD SIDI, TOGETHER WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL UNION PARTY OF THE SAHARA JALIHENA OULD ER-TACHID. FOLLOWING THE MEETING DELEGATION TOLD REPORTERS THEY HAD PRESENTED LETTER OF INTRODUCTION FROM KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO AND PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADAH OF MAURITANIA WHICH CONTAINED REPORT ON CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRANSFER OF SPANISH SAHARA TO TWO COUNTRIES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY NOGUES TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT VISITORS UNDERSTOOD PARAGUAY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH SPAIN AND WERE CAREFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT THEY INTENDED

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NO HARM TO SPANISH COMMERCIAL I.E. PHOSPHATE INTERESTS IN

SAHARA. THEY MADE NO REQUEST OF GOP, BUT ONLY SOUGHT TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION THAT SELF-DETERMINATION WAS NOT PRACTICAL SOLUTION IN SPANISH SAHARA BECAUSE IT WAS NOT A VIABLE STATE AND THAT IN THEIR VIEW SHOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. NOGUES REPORTED THAT SPANISH AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT VISIT BEFOREHAND AND PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE. NOGUES SAID GOP DID NOT PLAN TO DO ANYTHING AS RESULT OF VISIT.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER PENA SAID THAT AFTER THE MAURITANIAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD TOLD HIM THAT SOVIETS WERE SUPPORTING THEIR POSITION, HE FELT THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT PARAGUAY COULD DO SO.  
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